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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/7/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-21, 23-26, 28-35, 37, 38, 40-42, 44-48 and 51-61.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 30 December 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to Applicant's amendment filed on 1/7/2005. Claims 53-61 have been amended. Claims 2-21, 23-26, 28-35, 37-38, 40-42, 44-48 and 51-61 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 2-21, 23-26, 28-35, 37-38, 40-42, 44-48 and 51-61 are allowed.

The present invention directed to providing an optical disk or reproducing method and system for reproducing contents from an optical disk having at least a recording layer for recording information, In one aspect of the invention, the optical disk for use with at least one of a recording apparatus and a reproducing apparatus comprising a first recording area for recording contents data and data for recording and reproducing the contents data, and a second recording area for recording secondary data related to the content data, the second recording area comprising a first section and second section for recording control data and data not to be inhibited from being outputted from a reproducing apparatus. The control data further includes an identifier indicating whether the second recording area includes a third section for recording data to be inhibited from being outputted from the reproducing apparatus. The closest prior art, Maeda et al., teach a recording medium such as an optical disk teaches the first recording layer for recording content data, the second recording area for recording secondary data related to the content data and information to prohibit or permit digital copying. However, Maeda et al. do not explicitly teach that "the second layer of

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recording section contains a first section for recording control data and a second section for recording data not to be inhibited from being outputted from the reproducing apparatus and wherein the control data includes an identifier indicating whether the second recording area further includes a third section for recording data to be inhibited from being outputted from the reproducing apparatus" as recites in the independent claims. The art of record, fails to anticipate or render the above underlined limitation obvious.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tongoc Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-3843. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Morse can be reached on (571) 272-3838. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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